

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 remain in the application. Claims 1, 6, and 13 have been amended.

Claims 1-4, 6-8, and 10-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the "Program and System Information Protocol for Terrestrial Broadcast and Cable" (hereinafter ATSC A/65) published on December 23, 1997 by the ATSC. Claims 5, 9, and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over ATSC A/65 in view of Official Notice taken by the Examiner. While not necessarily agreeing with the Office's rejections, Applicant asserts that these rejections are moot in view of the present amendments and the following remarks. Applicant states that the present amendments were made to clarify, but not further limit, the scope of the claims.

In its Responses to Arguments, mailed June 16, 2005, the Office states that the "independent claims fail to narrow the scope of the limitations to transmit a MGT with a second identifier in addition to a version number, in order to indicate whether the contents of an event information table have been changed or shifted." Office Action mailed 6/16/2005, ¶1. Applicant asserts, however, that the claims as previously amended did recite: (a) a version number, and (b) identification information. These features as previously claimed were distinct from one another, at least by virtue of their being listed as two separate elements of each independent claim.

Despite the observation above, and in a sincere attempt to advance this application toward allowance, Applicant has amended, for clarification purposes, the wording of the independent claims to more clearly recite that the "identification information" of the MGT is "a second identifier in addition to a version number," as requested by the Office. More specifically, amended claims 1 and 6 each recite: "a second identifier, *distinct from the version number*, the second identifier comprising identification information" Amended claim 13 recites: "the

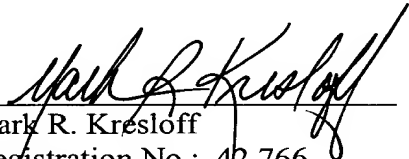
master guide table comprising a version number ..., and a second identifier, *distinct from the version number*, comprising identification information”

Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice of same is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner find the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, including any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and/or 1.17, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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